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SUBJECT: USAU: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON ETHIOPIA'S

PRESIDENT

On January 16 Ambassador Simon paid a farewell call on Ethiopia's President Girma. The brief meeting was ceremonial in nature. President Girma did, however, take the opportunity to suggest the Ambassador could play a valuable role as a "goodwill" ambassador for Ethiopia in Washington, where "Ethiopia has many enemies."

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